

KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27 JUNE 2013

Present: Margaret Basley, Bill Blackwood (acting Chairman), Margaret Christie, David Evans, Annie Ferries, Bob Ingram, Janet Newberry, Eric Pashley, Kate Rigby, Sheila Simpson.

Attending: Cllr Sheena Lonchay, Vaila Spencer.

1. Welcome: The Chairman welcomed those present.

2. Apologies for Absence: Sammy Dey, John Hern, Chris Hunneyball, Douglas Laing, Fraser Lamb, Cllr Allison Grant, Cllr Patricia Oddie.

3. Police Matters: Two thefts had been reported, one of milk which was undetected, and another which had been detected and the property recovered. As a result of meetings between PC Duncan and representatives of the roads department, the confusing road markings had been changed at the top of the High Street; the chevron area had been removed and the double yellow lines placed against the kerbside. Local Officers and the Traffic Warden will continue to patrol the area and issue tickets. Four motorists had been charged in relation to various road traffic offences within the village. One complaint had been received regarding an internet offence and lines of enquiry are being progressed. The incidents at the Academy have both now been detected; those responsible for the damaged windows had also been discovered. Operations Ruby and Zenith were still ongoing. PC Duncan had been working with staff, pupils and parents at all three schools in relation to internet safety and associated crimes and had produced an information leaflet for parents and pupils.

4. Opportunity for Members of the public to speak: Ms Spencer complained that the change in the road markings indicated in the police report had reduced the availability of parking for parents at the school, and that the traffic warden had been unpleasant in his approach. Cllr Lonchay advised contacting Aberdeenshire Council, which has an officer to assist with school travel problems, and the police about the traffic warden.

5. Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 30 May 2013 was proposed by David Evans, seconded by Annie Ferries and approved unanimously.

6. Matters Arising from Minutes:

a) **Tree at Ratchill/Kemnay Road junction:** This had been removed by Aberdeenshire Council.

b) **Mavis Wainman Memorial:** The school representative was to be in contact regarding design. An article would appear in the July newsletter inviting contributions.

c) **Public Toilets:** It was agreed to liaise with the Pavilion Committee, who were planning refurbishment of the pavilion, in the hope that public toilets might be incorporated.

d) **Place of Origin Parking:** Greenbelt had forwarded the query.

e) **Kemnay Website:** An article would appear in the July newsletter inviting groups who would like to be represented on the website to contact the secretary.

7. Community Questionnaire and Community Councils Support Action Plan: The support Action Plan was commended and the questionnaire completed.

8. East Garioch Community Council: It was agreed that the ideal northern boundary of the area for which KCC would be responsible would be the road between Woodend and Burnside.

9. Planning Matters and Applications:

a) **New Applications:** There was nothing controversial.

b) **Changes to Planning Legislation:** It was agreed that this would have to be studied in depth when the need arose. It was difficult to predict the effect of such changes in the abstract.

c) **Pressured Area Designation – Suspension of the Right to Buy Consultation:** This was completed. KCC was in favour of the Council's proposed policy of suspending the right to buy council houses where there was a considerable waiting list.

10. Reports:

a) **Safety Group:** There had been presentations on the new Police Force Scotland: there would be more equal access to specialist support; a police plan outlining targets had been produced, which would include ward-based plans specific to the local area; the main priority would be "keeping our community safe"; there would be an overall increase in the number of traffic officers in the area. Paul Geddes of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service gave an update of the statistics for the area; in the previous year there had been a notable reduction in the number of dwelling-house fires; the figures also showed a reduction in the number of wilful fires. There was a review of the projects involving the group in the past year.

b) GACCF: John Hern volunteered to take over the chairmanship. Archie Geddes from Inverurie Community Council was elected vice-chair and Sheila Simpson agreed to take over as the Community Council representative on the Garioch Community Planning Group. It was agreed that Forum meetings should continue to be held at the same periodicity as hitherto: the September meeting would focus on the 2016 Local Plan. The Community Council questionnaire conclusions were discussed. A list of the various organisations, such as the CP Group, CVSA, Gordon Rural Action and their responsibilities would be drawn up to help clarify “who does what” in Aberdeenshire.

c) Community Planning:

i) Garioch Community Plan: This was generally approved.

ii) Community Planning Meeting: There was agreement that the Education Department should be undertaking road safety work in the County. There was to be an open doors event at Inverurie Police Station in the summer. There was a problem generally with developers failing to provide the community objectives which had been detailed in their planning permission.

d) Press Report: Olivia Wilson, from Kemnay Primary won first prize in a UK wide (for P4-7) competition for a painting on the theme of scary monsters. There were over 11,000 entries. Olivia’s painting will be on show in the National Galleries of Scotland and then tour other Scottish centres. Keith Meiser, PE teacher at Kemnay Academy, has written a song for Andy Murray on the basis of which Murray has invited him to Wimbledon. They used to play together as young teenagers.

11. Aberdeenshire News: Kemnay Academy students have won an award from Inspiring Aberdeenshire for an enterprise to set up websites. Consultation on the new Kintore Primary is now under way. The Head Teacher at Kemnay Academy is to retire.

12. Coverage over the summer recess: It was agreed that the Chairman should do this.

13. Correspondence: The following correspondence was received:

Circulated

Garioch Community Planning Update, Information about new services and new opening times at CAB Westhill, ADP News, Foodbank in Garioch, Correspondence from Scottish Government, Temporary Road Closure (Grove Road), The Network.

Not Circulated

Healthy Eating

14. AOCB: Cllr Lonchay agreed to convey the feelings of KCC about excess use of chips in the recent road surfacing exercise to the appropriate person; there had been complaints from the public as well as KCC members about damage to vehicles and injury to pedestrians. It was agreed to contact Glyn Jones about the bird hides which had been situated in the Mill Farm development but which remained locked. The flooding in Aquithie Road was once again raised. Due to changes in the times of services in the parish church, the time of the 11 November service at the War Memorial would have to be changed, probably to 10.50.

15. Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting would be on 26 September 2013.